

CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ WAIVER REQUEST
☐ RECONSIDERATION REQUEST

DATE: 5/28/2021
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FILER INFORMATION

Name: Terri Lynn Lambert
Office: Council Member, Division C, City of Gonzales
Parish: ASCENSION
Election Date: 11/3/2020
Level of Office: Any

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: 40-G
Original Due Date: 1/14/2021
Date Filed: 1/19/2021
Activity Receipts: \$800.00
Expenditures: \$1,002.80
Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$22.73

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$200
Days Late: 5
Late Fee Order Received: 3/4/2021
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 3/24/2021
Waiver Request Received: 3/22/2021
Additional Information Requested:

- Medical
- Financial
- Other

COMMENTS: Candidate sent in waiver request by certified mail and states that the 10-G and 40-G campaign finance reports were both delivered to the Gonzales post office the day before they were due. She said she took for granted that they would be postmarked on that particular day but they were not. She said that why they were postmarked afterwards she has no idea possibly due to Covid pandemic. She said she had similar circumstances with personal mail. She said that if she would have known the delay was taking place she would have faxed or hand-delivered the reports. She is asking for the fines to be waived or suspended.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Campaign Finance:

Other Outstanding Reports: No
Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No
Reassessed Late Fees: No

Disclosure Statements:

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No

Terri L. Lambert
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(225) 802-5040

March 20, 2021

Melissa Horn
Louisiana Board of Ethics
P.O. Box 4368
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Re: Late Fee Assessment for November 3rd Election
30-P Campaign Finance filed 7 days late;
10-G Campaign Finance filed 2 days late; and
40-G Campaign Finance filed 5 days late

Dear Ms. Horn,

By way of this correspondence, I am submitting a Request for a Waiver to the Louisiana Board of Ethics regarding all late fee assessments for the November 3rd Election.

The 30-P Campaign Finance Report was actually filed late due to my own mistake. I am a first-time political candidate for any office. I handled every aspect of my campaign including filing of campaign finance reports, campaigning, signage, walking door to door, etc. For some reason, I didn't think I had to file a 30-P and did not put the date on my calendar as I did the other filing dates. When I realized the error I immediately faxed the report to you. I am asking the Board of Ethics to waive, suspend or reduce this fee.

The 10-G Campaign Finance Report and 40-G Campaign Finance Report were both delivered to the Gonzales Post office the day before they were due. It seems I took for granted that they would be postmarked on that particular day. Why they were postmarked afterwards I have no explanation, other than any mail delays could have been due to the Covid pandemic. I also delivered other personal mail to the local post office drop box, and it too wasn't postmarked until days later. For instance, on December 17th, I delivered to the post office Christmas cards that weren't postmarked until December 22nd and didn't arrive to some homes until January 15th. For several months I only had mail delivery/pickup at my home 2-3 days per week because the postal staff was short-handed, so I delivered outgoing mail to the local post office. Had I known such a delay was taking place at the post office also, I would have faxed or hand-delivered the reports to the Board of Ethics. For this reason, I am asking the Board of Ethics to waive or suspend the 10G and 40G fees.

I do not need to appear before the Board of Ethics in connection with my request.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Terri L. Lambert

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STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
acting in its capacity as the
SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE

In Re: Terri Lynn Lambert
November 3, 2020 Election

LATE FEE ASSESSMENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Terri Lynn Lambert, in her capacity as a candidate for Council Member, Division C, City of Gonzales in the November 3, 2020 election was required to file campaign finance reports pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1484.

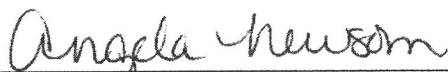
WHEREAS, La. R.S. 18:1505.1 provides that it is a violation of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act to fail to timely file campaign finance reports.

WHEREAS, in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1495.4B(3), Terri Lynn Lambert was required to file a 30th Day Prior to Primary Report (30-P) by October 5, 2020. Terri Lynn Lambert filed the report on October 12, 2020 and was 7 days late.

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(2)(a)(iii) provides that an automatic late fee of \$40 per day (not to exceed \$1,000) be assessed against Terri Lynn Lambert for this late filing.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED that a late fee of \$280 is assessed against Terri Lynn Lambert for failure to timely file her campaign finance disclosure report.

ORDER signed on the 2nd day of March 2021 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



Angela Newsom, Director
Campaign Finance & Lobbying Division

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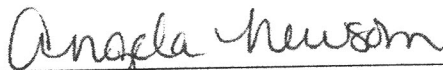
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WHEREAS, in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1495.4B(5), Terri Lynn Lambert was required to file a 10th Day Prior to General Report (10-G) by November 25, 2020. Terri Lynn Lambert filed the report on November 27, 2020 and was 2 days late.

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(2)(a)(iii) provides that an automatic late fee of \$40 per day (not to exceed \$1,000) be assessed against Terri Lynn Lambert for this late filing.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED that a late fee of \$80 is assessed against Terri Lynn Lambert for failure to timely file her campaign finance disclosure report.

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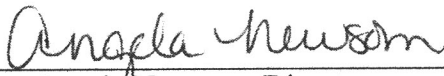
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WHEREAS, in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1495.4B(6), Terri Lynn Lambert was required to file a 40th Day After General Report (40-G) by January 14, 2021. Terri Lynn Lambert filed the report on January 19, 2021 and was 5 days late.

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(2)(a)(iii) provides that an automatic late fee of \$40 per day (not to exceed \$1,000) be assessed against Terri Lynn Lambert for this late filing.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED that a late fee of \$200 is assessed against Terri Lynn Lambert for failure to timely file her campaign finance disclosure report.


ORDER signed on the 2nd day of March 2021 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



Angela Newsom, Director
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